

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF BEVERLY CAMP

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a dear friend, Beverly "Bev" Camp, of Bakersfield, California. After battling cancer for nearly two years, Bev passed away on February 19, 2022, surrounded by loved ones.

Born in Queens, New York, Bev entered the world on July 29, 1962 to two loving parents. As the youngest of three children, she was curious and patient, always putting others before herself. In 1979, when Bev was 17, her family packed their bags and moved out to Bakersfield, California—the city where Bev would meet her husband and partner in life, raise three beautiful children, and make countless contributions to our community.

A woman of faith and compassion, Bev devoted her time to charitable causes. As a member of Catholic Charities, Bev advanced the launch of Harvest of Hope, an annual fundraiser that provides financial support to low-income families facing hardship, and helped found the organization's Career and Education Center, which helps students develop career skills for future employment. Along with her husband Jim, Bev's philanthropic efforts were impactful to many other community initiatives. In 2019, the pair helped establish the county's first burn unit at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital and more recently, were leading the expansion project for Mercy Hospital Southwest to address the growing needs of Bakersfield residents.

In recognition of her efforts, Bev was regularly recognized with awards by local organizations, including Community Action Partnership of Kern County's Humanitarian of the Year, the Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Community Service Award, and Garden Pathways' Woman with a Heart for Bakersfield.

Above all, Bev loved her family. She enjoyed watching her kids grow and took pride in the Sunday family dinners she cooked after church. Bev is survived by her husband Jim; her parents Bruce and Margaret Murray; and her three sons, Bruce and wife, Kayla; Kurt and wife, Montse; and Scott.

On behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of California, it is my privilege to honor Bev's life and the remarkable service and impact she had on our community. My thoughts and prayers are with her loved ones as they mourn the loss of an incredible woman.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER JONATHAN DIAZ

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Officer Jonathan Diaz as the California legislature dedicates the Lemoore overpass for Highway 198 and 19th Avenue in his honor.

A Huron native, Mr. Diaz graduated from Coalinga High School. He went on to earn his associates degree in criminal justice from West Hills College. Following his passion for serving his community, he joined the Huron Police Department as a reserve police officer during the summer of 2014. Just one year later, he was named Officer of the Year by the Huron Police Department. He would later join the Lemoore Police Department in 2016, where he earned Officer of the Year in 2018.

Mr. Diaz was equally committed to helping those in his community outside of his regular duties. He was involved in the Youth Adult Awareness Program, where he helped to mentor and guide at-risk children in the community. He also participated in developing juvenile awareness programs to teach local youth about the realities of prison and incarceration and put them on a path to success. Through his dedication to his community and his commitment to service, Mr. Diaz uplifted so many during his life.

Mr. Diaz's courage, dedication, professionalism, and selflessness was well-known throughout his entire department. He played a vital role in solving a significant number of cases, helping to bring justice to those he swore to protect. While he is missed by his loved ones every day, his service still inspires us all.

I ask all my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and service of Officer Jonathan Diaz of the Lemoore Police Department.

HONORING ATTORNEY YEMI KINGS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Attorney Yemi Kings from Jackson, Mississippi.

He graduated from Lanier High School and went on to Tougaloo College. Then, received his law degree from Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 2009. Little did the Kings realize that when he valiantly saved the life of a man, who was tragically shot on Thanksgiving Day in 2021, in Jackson, that he was walking straight into fame's arena.

On Thanksgiving Day 2021, around 4:30 p.m., when there was still a glimmer of day-

light outside, Kings' friends and family were eating dinner. During the celebration, they heard about 15-gun shots from what sounded like an assault rifle close to where they gathered. Then they heard someone yelling, "I have been shot."

Kings went outside and saw a man lying on the ground in a pool of gushing blood. He was crying, screaming, and saying, "Please help me! Don't let me die!" After calling 911, Kings asked him where he was shot. The victim replied, "I can't feel my arm! Help me! I have been shot! I am fading out! I am dying!" Kings grabbed sweaters and shirts from a car, wrapped them in layers and pressed them on the bullet wound until the bleeding stopped. "I kept pressure on his wound and continued talking to him, telling him that he was going to live." Kings said.

Firefighters came and took over. They told everyone to step aside as they did their job.

The good Samaritan who courageously saved the person's life was Deputy Hinds County Attorney Yemi L. Kings.

When asked what motivated him to be so daring in such a dangerous escapade, he said, "One thing that came to mind was that I had to try to help save this man's life. As a prosecutor, I am always helping people on the other side of tragic situations. I never thought I would ever come that close to a shooting or a shooting victim."

Kings is the son of Yemi L. Kings and Terri Lyn Smith.

Kings' motivation is his family. He comes from a large family that includes four brothers, two sisters and one son. He wants to continue being there for his loved ones.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Attorney Yemi Kings for his dedication to serving.

MICHIGAN WORLD WAR II LEGACY MEMORIAL

HON. ANDY LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Michigan World War II (WWII) Legacy Memorial, which will take place in Royal Oak, Michigan on April 7, 2022.

This effort has been a fifteen-year labor of love for a dedicated group of volunteers, many of whom had family members who served in the military, including in World War II, and some who are veterans themselves. In 2007, Honor Flight Michigan began providing one-day trips to Washington, D.C. to allow World War II veterans to visit the national World War II Memorial on the National Mall. Between 2007 and 2010, Honor Flight Michigan operated 33 flights, ensuring that all 1,400 veterans on its waiting list made the trip to our nation's capital. The group then committed itself to creating a memorial in Michigan. Its intent is best described in the words of the organization itself: "The Michigan WWII Legacy

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